

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments made herein and the following remarks.

Claims 14-17 and 20 are allowed. Claims 1, 2, 13, 18 and 19 remain canceled. Claims 10-12 are withdrawn from consideration. Thus, only Claims 3-12 are presently at issue.

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that Claims 3-12 would be allowable if Claim 3 were rewritten to be independent from incorporating the subject matter from now canceled Claim 2. It appears that in the Response dated December 19, 2006 Claim 3 was inadvertently rewritten with Claim 1, rather than Claim 2 as intended.

Accordingly, Claim 3 is now rewritten to incorporate the subject matter recited in now canceled Claim 2, thereby placing Claim 3 in condition for allowance.

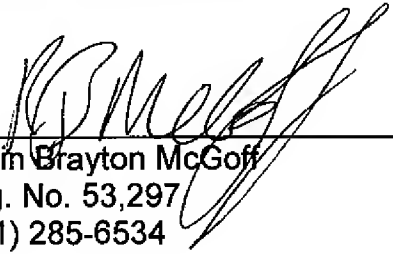
The dependent claims are allowable at least by virtue of their dependence from allowable Claim 3.

As no claims are presently at issue following this amendment, and it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, such is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions or concerns relating to this application, or should the Examiner feel that a teleconference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the undersigned requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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